

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance was mailed on January 11, 2006 in the above-identified application. Subsequently, a Notice Regarding Drawings was mailed on March 22, 2006. The Notice Regarding Drawings indicates that corrected drawings are required in the above-identified application. In accordance therewith, Applicant is concurrently filing formal drawings depicting Figs. 1-11 of the present application.

The formal drawing of Fig. 8 of the present application has been changed from a photograph to a schematic of a solid three-dimensional braided structure. Applicant therefore has amended the description of Fig. 8 in the specification herein to reflect this modification. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment to the specification is to form only. No new matter has been added, and no additional searching is required.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and approval of the amendment made herein under 37 C.F.R. 1.312. Applicant submits that the amendment is timely filed as the Issue Fee is being paid concurrently herewith.

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